

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a' --This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 60/180,036, entitled "Match Blur System and Method"; 60/180,030, entitled "Reducing Streaks in Scanning"; and 09/777,394, entitled "Pyramiding and Digital Imaging System and Method", each of the same inventor hereof and those respective applications are incorporated herein. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/255,401 entitled "Parametric Image Stitching", filed on February 22, 1999, and 09/247,264 entitled "Image Block Windowed Blending", filed on February 10, 1999, each of the same inventor hereof and incorporated herein. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 60/180,028, entitled "Method to Remove Magenta Stain From Digital Images", assigned to the same assignee hereof and incorporated herein.--